

## Gallaudet Fact—

Q. How much did Gallaudet recycle in 2007?

- A. Five Dumpsters' worth, plus enough to fill 10 offices and three dorm rooms
- B. Enough oil to drive the football team across the country 433 times
- C. Enough to save 9,242 trees

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### It's that time of the year again!

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## Bison play rainy season opener

A visit by tropical storm Hanna and a nail-biting finish added a dramatic flourish to Gallaudet football's season opener against Hiram College of Ohio on September 6—the first home game to be played on the newly-resurfaced Hotchkiss Field.

The Department of Athletics reported that over 500 fans braved the rain to cheer on their teams. After battling to a 14-14 tie in regulation, Hiram scored a touchdown in overtime to win 20-14.

Despite rain and howling winds, the game went on as scheduled. The new artificial turf field held up throughout the game thanks to the new drainage system. Ty Hubbard scored the lone Gallaudet touchdown on an 88-yard return of a blocked field goal while Justin Wilson kicked a field goal to see the game into overtime. Hubbard also tackled the Hiram runner in the end zone for a safety.

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## SLCC ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrates visu-centric new building



Board of Trustees members (from left) James Macfadden and Cheryl Heppner help President Robert Davila and Provost Stephen Weiner cut the ceremonial ribbon at the community opening of the James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center on September 3.

The campus community got its first official look at the new James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center (SLCC) at a September 3 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

All new campus buildings are a cause for celebration, but the opening of the SLCC has been a particularly anticipated event because it is the first building in the University's history to be designed by and for deaf people, through the use of architectural principals that are specific to their communication needs. It also lays claim to being the University's first "green" building, gaining the distinction of being certified as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) structure.

The community opening was an ideal venue to display the building's visu-centric qualities. The spacious, well-lit atrium where the event was held provided a remarkably clear and unobstructed view for the audience, which crowded all three floors to see President Davila, Provost Stephen Weiner, and Board of Trustees members Cheryl Heppner and James Macfadden cut the ribbon, and watch Drs. Davila and Weiner give their remarks about the great potential the SLCC holds for present and future generations of deaf people.

The unique features of this much anticipated building drew the interest of local media, as well. Channel 5 (Fox), Channel 7 (ABC), and NewsChannel 8 were on hand prior to the 3 p.m.

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## Open house shows new Library services



Russ Perkins, dissemination specialist for Technology Information Systems, tours the new Deaf Library Study Center at its grand unveiling on August 28.

The Gallaudet community is privileged to have the world's largest collection of deafness-related materials, housed in the University Library. But students, faculty, and staff can feel an even greater sense of pride in their library now that a long list of new services has been added.

Not only has the internationally acclaimed Deaf Collection—an impressive inventory of books, videos, dissertations, biographies, and other

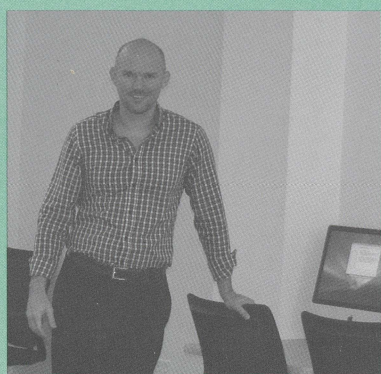
material—been moved to a prominent location on the Library's main floor in the Merrill Learning Center, the Library now boasts a new Deaf Library Study Center. This state-of-the-art facility with its video viewing stations, computer workstations, and group presentation space with a big-screen monitor, is an ideal place for study and research. What's more, the Library now has extended hours—it is open until 11 p.m. Mondays to

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## Roving Reporter

### What do you think of working or learning in the Sorenson Language and Communication Center?



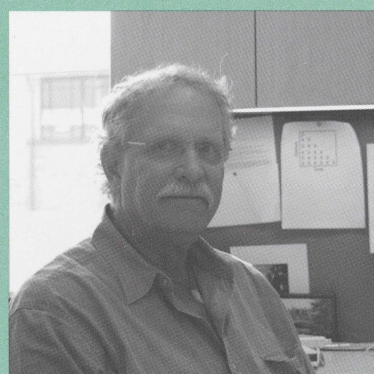
*I really enjoy meeting faculty from other departments who I have never met before. I am also excited about the potential for collaboration with departments and programs with the same goals.*

Gene Mirus, assistant professor,  
Department of ASL and Deaf  
Studies



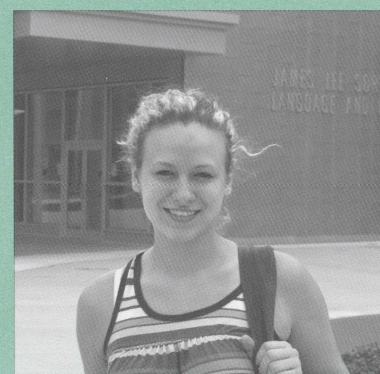
*The new space and facilities provide for increased technology and allow for the collaboration of many departments on campus.*

Kristin Roush, audiologist,  
Hearing and Speech Center



*The new building is nice and airy.*

Bob Johnson, professor,  
Department of Linguistics



*I was amazed by the SLCC's sleek look and the classrooms full of good stuff for deaf students, like the cameras that turn on when you want to be visible.*

Victoria Flis, undergraduate  
psychology major

## Ask Cousin Sally

*Hello, folks! I'm back from my little trip to the country. It really does a body good to see nothing but pastures and grazing cows for a few days. Here is a letter that was waiting for me when I fired up the computer again. I hope you enjoy!*

Sally

Dear Cousin Sally,

I hate to complain—and I'm sure the people responsible feel very badly—but I have to say that parking during New Student Orientation was a disaster! I understand that a larger group than expected showed up for a conference at the Kellogg Conference Hotel, but seems like we would still have had a problem even with the anticipated numbers.

Isn't there some kind of coordinated system where such things can be checked and avoided? I did appreciate getting information about the situation, but by the time I got the first email I had already spent time circling the campus feeling like it was Christmas at the mall. And if I had gotten the information earlier, what should I have done with it? From where I live, alternative forms of transportation are not really convenient options.

Enough about me, though. I'm embarrassed that our new students and their parents were so inconvenienced. You only have one chance to make a good first impression, as they say.

Surely we can come up with creative ideas to anticipate and solve these problems instead of sending our poor Department of Public Safety officers out there to take the heat. I have one idea specifically for the D.C. school teachers who were here this time. Since there were empty D.C. public school parking lots all over the city that week, possibly they could have chartered our bus drivers to shuttle the teachers back and forth to campus. Just an idea.

Still Cruising for a Parking Space

Dear Still Cruising,

Hoo boy. That sounds like quite a time you had trying to park that day. And that is a pretty smart suggestion for solving the problem. That's what I love about Gallaudet people—always thinking!

It sounds like they may not need to set up the shuttle service just yet, though. I checked with Gary Aller, executive director of business and support services, about your comment. He had this to say:

"The parking problem during NSO week was a one-time occurrence and should never happen again. The Conference Center has had a large conference the past four years during the same week and we have always had enough parking for faculty, staff, students, and visitors. DPS is notified in advance about large conferences in order to address any parking issues. Unfortunately, this year 200 unregistered people unexpectedly showed up for the conference. The Conference Center and DPS discovered the problem by 9 a.m. and asked the unregistered participants to leave. However, early morning parking was already affected. I apologize for the inconvenience to those trying to find parking that morning and have taken steps to ensure that this doesn't happen again."

Cousin Sally, OTG's resident retired dairy farmer and advice columnist, is waiting for your questions at [cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu](mailto:cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu).

## ATLAS open house

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Thursdays, and has longer hours of operation on the weekend. There are also new vending machines in the basement and improved lighting is in the works.

These improvements, which took place over the past eight months through the efforts of Academic Technology, Library, and Archive Services (ATLAS) and the Facilities Department, provided plenty of reasons for a celebration. On August 28, ATLAS invited the campus community to an open house to become acquainted with these resources that are now available to them. In addition to the opportunity to see the Library improvements first-hand, Library staff gave information about the many services the library provides, and President Davila and Provost Stephen Weiner talked about the vital role the Library played in their Gallaudet education—a role that has not diminished since their days as students.

Dr. Davila said his wish is for the Library to "become an academic crossroads for our students," and he complimented ATLAS Dean Cynthia King and her staff for their hard work and dedication in creating a first-class facility for study and research. Dr. Weiner recalled his days as a student when the Library was located in the Edward Miner Gallaudet Building. In his free time, he enjoyed poring through the Deaf Collection and discovering interesting facts about Gallaudet and its alumni. When Dr. King took the helm of ATLAS, Weiner said he made it clear that he wanted today's students to be aware—and proud—of the extensive material Gallaudet has about the deaf community. With the recent improvements, the foundation has been laid. "Now, let's all make this place work!" he said. ■

## Gallaudet Fact—

Answer: C— Enough to save 9,242 trees. Gallaudet recycled a total of 546.65 tons of its waste—far more than five Dumpsters and a few rooms' worth of material! And while the statistic on how far the football team could go on the saved fuel may not be exact, according to Administration and Finance's environmental intern Jessica Frank, the recycling effort saved 371,041 barrels of oil, in addition to all those trees!

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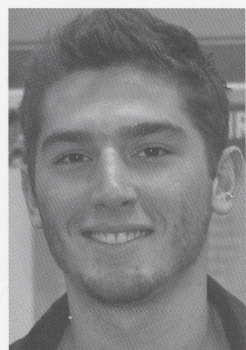
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## Among Ourselves



Joshua Feldman, a senior majoring in English, has been recognized by the literary journal *Glimmertrain* as one of the “Top 25” authors in its 2008 Fiction Open for his short story, “Progress.” Feldman also won a scholarship in January to attend a fiction workshop at the prestigious Key West Literary Seminar. English professor Pia Taavila calls Feldman’s recognition by *Glimmertrain* “a fitting acknowledgment of Josh’s development as a writer and of his continuing contribution to the world of literature. I look for great things to come out of this young man’s future work and am honored to be one of his professors.” Following graduation, Feldman hopes to be accepted to an MFA program for fiction writing. “Gallaudet

has definitely helped me develop my talent—not only have they encouraged my writing to develop with the classes I’ve taken here, they also have some great creative writing contests here, and the faculty has always been very helpful and supportive of my writing,” he said. “The Honors Department here has also encouraged my writing by allowing me to work on a short story collection for my Capstone project.”

The book *Open Your Eyes: Deaf Studies Talking*, edited by Dr. H-Dirksen Bauman, a professor in the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies, was the subject of a review on the website Metapsychology Online Reviews. The review calls the volume “timely” and its ethos “welcome.” Considering the sum of essays by scholars such as Gallaudet’s Dr. MJ Bienvenu, Dr. Thomas Humphries, Dr. Benjamin Bahan, Lindsay Dunn, and Dr. Arlene Kelly, as well as Dr. Joseph Murray. The reviewer, Dr. Jackie Leach Scully of Newcastle University in the UK, also complimented the way *Open Your Eyes* displays “the diversity of Deaf experience.” The full review is available at [metapsychology.net](http://metapsychology.net).

Dr. Jane Norman, a professor in the Communication Studies Department, is guest editor for the September-November issue of *Opening Stages*, the Kennedy Center’s quarterly newsletter for people with disabilities pursuing careers in the performing arts. This special issue on deaf performing arts can be found at [www.kennedy-center.org/text/accessibility/opening\\_stages/issue28/0809.cfm?site\\_type=html](http://www.kennedy-center.org/text/accessibility/opening_stages/issue28/0809.cfm?site_type=html).

## ‘Gazette of Politics and Business’ recognizes CEO John T.C. Yeh

(Note: The following information about John Yeh’s latest distinction comes from a press release by Glenn Lockhart, corporate communications, Viable Inc.)

The *Gazette of Politics and Business* has recognized Viable founder and president John T.C. Yeh in its annual roundup of CEOs of up-and-coming businesses in Maryland. Yeh, a Gallaudet alumnus, trustee emeritus, and chair of its Board of Associates, is the only deaf executive to appear in the 2008 edition of the paper’s “25 CEOs You Need to Know” feature and is one of eight CEOs whose faces appears on the cover. The *Gazette* recognized all 25 CEOs and unveiled its inaugural annual list of top 53 companies in Maryland at a September 18 awards reception in Bethesda.

The 25 honorees were winnowed from a list of 130 CEOs nominated by economic development offices from around the state. Publisher Cliff Chiet congratulated each honoree as “an outstanding example of a top performing CEO in Maryland.” (The list can be seen at [www.gazette.net/business](http://www.gazette.net/business).)

“The recognition is equally on the company, which has truly been employee-driven,” said Yeh. “The people who work at Viable all had a hand in building the company into what it is today.” Viable, a developer of videophones and a provider of video relay services, counted six employees when it moved into its present Rockville headquarters in May 2006, and has since grown to 150 employees and expanded to include offices in Ellicott City, Frederick, and Towson. ■



Raymond Merritt, an assistant professor in the Biology Department, is congratulated for five years of service to the University by Dr. Ann Powell, department chair.

## How to...

### Carry on the Gallaudet alumni spirit A curious alumna interviews one who knows.

By Abigail Drake, associate director of alumni outreach and student programs, and Peggy Hlibok, Homecoming assistant

**Alumna:** How can I, as an alumna, carry on the Gallaudet spirit during Homecoming?

**Homecoming assistant:** In many ways! We have a wide selection of events that you can join in during Homecoming weekend, which is October 17 through 19 this year.

**A:** What events?

**HA:** For alumni in general, you are more than welcome to get into the spirit at happy hour at the Rathskellar, tours of places like College Hall and the President’s Office, or the newly-opened James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center. You can attend the College Bowl challenge and witness members of the classes of 1958 and 1983 compete against current students, or a Friday with Professors panel discussion called “The Future of the Deaf World.” You will also have an opportunity to feast and mingle with members of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association board and Gerald “Bummy” Burstein at a recognition reception. Not only will you have the opportunity to be a part of these events, but you can help share the alumni spirit by attending the pep rally and pre-game bash!

**A:** Wow! That sounds like a lot!

**HA:** But there’s even more! You can indulge your passion for sports by watching the football game and women’s soccer game on the recently renovated Hotchkiss Field. There is an exciting extra for you—the alumni cheerleaders will be performing their moves with the college cheerleaders! And, if you take pleasure in historic homes, come to an open house at House One!

**A:** Again, wow! You’ve got me fired up! Is there a way to take all that spirit with me when I go?

**HA:** You will always treasure your memories, of course. But if you want something to remind yourself of those Homecoming memories, the Bison Shop will be offering memorabilia to buy.

**A:** Thank you. You have been really helpful.

**HA:** My pleasure. And don’t forget—for more information and updates, you can always go to our website: [alumni.gallaudet.edu](http://alumni.gallaudet.edu). ■

## Clerc Center Happenings ‘Odyssey’ magazine seeks submissions on education success stories

By Susan M. Flanigan

The Clerc Center’s *Odyssey: New Directions in Deaf Education* magazine is seeking submissions for its spring/summer 2009 issue, which carries the theme “Success: Experiences from Across the Nation.”

“We welcome articles about successful results in any part of the educational experience of deaf and hard of hearing students, beginning at birth and continuing through post-secondary job placement,” said Danielle Yearout, director of Public Relations, Products, and Training at the Clerc Center. “In the next issue, we want to share success stories from around the country.”

*Odyssey* offers technical assistance and support to educators, families, and professionals with articles written in a practical, conversational style. Each issue centers around a theme and focuses on effective teaching strategies, learning activities, and innovative projects for classrooms, residential and mainstream programs, and families, as well as research, information, and personal experiences that relate to current issues in the education of deaf and hard of hearing children. Issues are distributed to over 25,000 print subscribers and posted on the Clerc Center’s website.

Authors are encouraged to submit articles for the “Success: Experiences from Across the Nation” issue that describe programs and strategies that show clear results in improving the academic achievement and/or social development of deaf and hard of hearing students. For example, submission ideas on education success stories could include:

- Information about reading strategies that have a measurable impact on students’ literacy levels;
- Academic or extracurricular programs that have a marked effect on deaf and hard of hearing students’ academic achievement or personal development;
- Effective approaches schools use to help diverse families through the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process.

Send article proposals and queries to [odyssey@gallaudet.edu](mailto:odyssey@gallaudet.edu) by October 1. To view the current issue or back issues of *Odyssey*, or review the author guidelines, visit [clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Odyssey](http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Odyssey). ■



## CPSO welcomes delegates from Israel and Korea

As faculty members and students settled into the second week of classes, representatives from the College of Professional Studies and Outreach (CPSO) jumped into another kind of knowledge exchange.

On September 2, staff members from The Center for International Programs and Services (CIPS)—a unit of CPSO—hosted delegates from Israel on a mission to learn about accessibility and equality for people with disabilities. Then, on September 5, youth from Korea came to learn about the impact of the Americans with Disabilities Act on deaf students.

The visitors from Israel were invited to the United States under the auspices of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program, and their program was arranged by Meridian International Center. Members of this delegation were eager to include Gallaudet in their 10-day tour, in part, because they had learned of a deaf-blind individual at Gallaudet named Art

Roehrig who they found inspirational. Roehrig is an academic support counselor with the Office of Students with Disabilities and a prominent figure in the deaf-blind community, serving as president of the American Association of the Deaf-Blind. The group's visit to Gallaudet included a greeting and explanation of the history of disability legislation in the U.S. from Roehrig.

"I want you to know that I really admire you," said Tomer Rosner, a specialist in legal environmental issues, to Roehrig.

The delegates from Korea were taking part in the Korean Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities' Carpe Diem Project. The group participated in a presentation on the History Through Deaf Eyes exhibit by Jean Bergey, director of the History Through Deaf Eyes Project and outreach liaison with CPSO, then a presentation by Roehrig, lunch with faculty and students, and a campus tour. Members of

the Gallaudet community who are originally from Korea joined the group. The visiting students—most of them at an age when they are considering their higher education options—were able to meet others who came to Gallaudet to work or teach, or who attended the English Language Institute and went on to enroll in the University as undergraduates.

"My team has the honor and privilege of sharing Gallaudet history and success-

es with the global community and our team is in the process of planning and developing so we can best serve Gallaudet's mission through CIPS," said Dr. Asiah Mason, director of the unit. Part of this process was to hire Azalea Davis, who joined the staff as a program support specialist on September 2. ■



Delegates taking part in the Korean Society for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities' Carpe Diem Project smile and give the "I Love You" sign during a September 5 visit to Gallaudet. Members of the group, mostly Korean youths considering options for higher education and employment, were joined by others who share their heritage, including English Language Institute professor Dr. Steven Chough (far right) and Choel Kim (far left), a systems engineer with Information Technology Services.

## China study tour inspires Department of Business curriculum changes, new international business minor



A Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE) senior economist Dr. Lu Wen Ying, (second from left) welcomes Department of Business (DOB) representatives (from left) Qi Wang, Khadijat Rashid, Issac Agboola, Emilia Chukwuma, and Georgette Lopes. Shanghai was one of four cities the group visited on its 10-day study tour in July.

Faculty members in the Department of Business diligently follow the news on the topic of China's emergence as an economic superpower, but they agreed that books and media reports pale in comparison to seeing it firsthand. A group of them recently had a chance to see the skyscrapers and the stock exchange of Shanghai, travel the car-filled streets of Beijing, and note the effects of mass migrations into cities like X'ian and Hong Kong.

Four professors, a program support person, and an interpreter visited these cities during a 10-day tour of the country in July. One of the participants was Dr. Qi Wang, an associate professor in the department who was born and raised in China, and who helped arrange a series of meetings with private business firms in each of the four cities. Other participants were Dr. Khadijat Rashid, department chair; Dr. Emilia Chukwuma, associate professor; Dr. Isaac Agboola, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Technologies and former chair of the Business Department; Georgette Lopes, internship coordinator; and Folami Ford, an interpreter for Gallaudet Interpreting Service.

"Although we have all read quite a bit about China and know that the country

has made tremendous economic and social progress since the communist government began to open up the country to international trade and promote a market economy," said Agboola, "we were still astounded by the scope of economic progress in the three mainland cities."

This trip was the second in a series of three international study tours for the department. The trio of experiences in India, China, and South Africa are part of a project funded with the help of a grant from the Business and International Education (BIE) program under the U.S. Department of Education. The program provides matching funds to business schools and programs in the U.S. to strengthen their international business curriculum and to develop educational programs that will help students and the local chambers of commerce gain a better understanding of international business opportunities and how to do business in foreign countries.

The overarching objective of the BIE program is to boost U.S. exports of goods and services. The benefits that Gallaudet will see include updated courses, new additions to the department's class offerings, and a new minor in international business. ■

## SLCC opens

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ceremony to film segments for their early evening news reports. They were given a tour of the building by Dr. MJ Bienvenu, co-chair of the SLCC Planning Committee and an associate professor in the Department of ASL and Deaf Studies—one of the departments that is housed in the new building.

Davila began the event by welcoming new and returning students and faculty to the start of the 2008-09 academic year, and gave them an update on an eventful summer that was highlighted by the University's accreditation being reaffirmed by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Davila recalled that when he arrived at Gallaudet in January 2007 as the University's ninth president, and the SLCC was in the planning process, that he was impressed by the level of community involvement in designing the building. What's more, he said, the campus community and its supporters were willing to make a financial commitment through the University's capital campaign, The Campaign for Gallaudet's Future, to ensure that the SLCC project secured the necessary funding. The unity displayed by the Gallaudet community through every step of planning and construction is symbolic, said Davila: "It represents so much more than just a building. It represents the strength of Gallaudet and what is good about Gallaudet."

The SLCC project was launched in November 2004 with a \$5 million donation to the University from Sorenson Media and the Sorenson Legacy Foundation. James Lee Sorenson is chairman of Sorenson Development, Inc., and a new member of Gallaudet's Board of Trustees. Although he was unable to attend the ribbon cutting, Sorenson sent a videotaped message in which he praised the University for its exemplary teaching and research practices, and said he was "truly honored" to play a role in the cre-

ation of the SLCC. He expressed his appreciation for being able to work with "two great leaders"—Davila and former University President I. King Jordan—from the building's conceptual phase to its completion. Sorenson also said that he was honored to have been selected as a trustee and that he "takes the responsibility seriously."

Weiner spoke of the vast potential the SLCC holds for Gallaudet and the deaf community. The collaboration between academic departments will offer many innovative programs that will attract new students to the University, and the research and scholarship taking place there will "really get the word out of the great things that Gallaudet does," he said.

The list of individuals whose combined efforts have led the SLCC project to completion is a lengthy one, but key people Weiner mentioned include Bienvenu and fellow SLCC planning co-chairs Thomas Allen, director of Visual Language and Visual Learning (VL2), and Cathy Sweet-Windham, special assistant to the president for board and external relations. Hansel Bauman, an architect and head of the Deaf Space Project—as well as the students who participated in the Deaf Space class he taught at Gallaudet—helped to guide the conceptual planning. Thanks also went to Dr. Cynthia King, dean of Academic Technology, Library, and Archive Services; Becky Hill, project manager for Heery International; Mickey Fields, director of Facilities; and the chairs of the departments that are now located in the SLCC—Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences; ASL and Deaf Studies; Communication Studies; Linguistics; and VL2.

Weiner also extended special thanks to former provost Jane Fernandes, "for her steadfast leadership and continued belief in what this center could and will do for Gallaudet."

Following the ribbon cutting, Davila invited the guests to tour the SLCC "and see what a truly great building this is!" ■